

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 29

LOCAL MATTERS.

Sun and Tide Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:49 a. m. and sets at 4:48 p. m. High water at 7:55 a. m. and 7:57 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section rain tonight and Friday; colder Friday; lowest temperature tonight about 40 degrees; moderate southerly winds, shifting to northerly Friday.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

The Christmas tree exercises at Grace Church last night were well attended. Rev. Edgar Carpenter, the rector, presided and distributed the presents. Many of the scholars recited selections appropriate to the occasion, the carols were well rendered. Mr. Wm. H. McQueen of Washington, a former superintendent of the Sunday school, made an address. Each scholar received a box of candy, a bag of nuts and an orange; and an offering was made for the widows and orphans' fund of deceased clergymen. Mr. Carlton Padgett, Mr. Jones and Mr. Simpson assisted in the music.

The Young People's Building was filled to its fullest capacity last night by teachers, scholars and friends of the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church South held. A fine program of exercises had been arranged and all who participated in it were at their best. Suitable presents were awarded the pastor and officers of the school, and the scholars left bearing Christmas reminders which made them happy.

The Christmas celebration of the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday school was held last night. A large crowd was present. The exercises were interesting and enjoyed by all present. Rev. Mr. Sevier was presented with a suit case on behalf of the T. P. A., of which he is chaplain. Mr. G. B. Kennedy made the presentation speech, to which Mr. Sevier made a suitable response. Mr. P. J. Dempsey subsequently presented Mr. Sevier with a gold watch on behalf of the congregation of the church. Mr. Dempsey made a brief address to which Mr. Sevier feelingly responded. Mrs. Sevier was presented with a brooch by the church. After remarks by Mr. Wm. H. Melchior, superintendent of the school, the distribution of presents, candy and oranges was proceeded with. At the close of the exercises those present bade Mr. Sevier farewell with many wishes for success in the new field into which he has been called.

The Christmas celebration of the Methodist Protestant Sunday school was held in the auditorium of the church last night. The decorations were very beautiful, and the mammoth Christmas tree, which was situated on the left of the pulpit platform and in view of all that entered, was dazzling in its glitter of gold and silver trimmings. All the teachers and scholars received beautiful Christmas gifts, and candy and fruit were distributed to all. The school presented to Rev. J. M. Holmes, the pastor, an envelope well filled with United States currency, and the superintendent, Mr. J. H. Trimyer, was presented with a handsome suit umbrella. A delightful hour was spent under the Christmas tree. The entertainment was well rendered. It consisted of the following: Carol, prayer by pastor, carol, recitations by Gladys Markell and Thelma Bender, of the primary department; then followed a cantata, entitled "Why Christmas comes in December," composed of 10 girls and 5 boys.

The celebration by the Sunday school of Trinity M. E. Church will take place tonight.

The Chapel Sunday school of the Second Church will hold their Christmas celebration tonight.

THE INJURED BRAKEMAN.

F. E. Smith, the Southern Railway brakeman, who fell through the bridge over Braddock road at an early hour yesterday morning and who was taken to the Alexandria Hospital in an unconscious condition, had a skull fracture of the base.

The circumstances in connection with the brakeman's injury are as follows: Smith had left the caboose for the purpose of turning a switch, after which he ran to regain his train. Four tracks are on the bridge, and the unfortunate man instead of passing over the plank floor between the two tracks, attempted to walk between the tracks. It being dark he fell to the road below, striking upon his head and mashing his lamp as flat as though it had been struck by a hammer. The unfortunate man formerly lived in Charlottesville.

POLICE COURT.

[Justice H. B. Caton presiding.] The following cases were disposed of this morning: A white man charged with non-support of his wife and child, was dismissed. Bessie Morrison, colored, charged with assault on Mamie Fortune with a knife, was fined \$5. John Hall, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5. Topsy Robinson, charged with disorderly conduct and fighting, had his case continued. John Hunter, colored, charged with suspected larceny, was fined \$10.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The remains of the colored man who was killed by a train on the bridge over King street extended Tuesday night were yesterday identified as those of Melville Briggs, of Fredericksburg. Dr. Moore, the coroner, had a jury summoned late yesterday evening, but as no person seemed to have witnessed the accident, the circumstances in connection with the killing of Briggs could not be learned. The jury adjourned to meet to the call of the coroner. The remains, it is said, will not be forwarded to Fredericksburg for interment.

BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

The Directors and Stockholders of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation Petition Court for the Appointment of Receivers—Messrs. John S. Barbour, of Fairfax, and J. K. M. Norton, of Alexandria, Appointed.

For the first time in a third of a century a notice announcing the closing of a banking institution has been placed upon the doors of one of Alexandria's financial institutions. The placard was conspicuously posted on the building of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, on King street, between Royal and Fairfax, this morning.

While the necessity for this is regretted by the entire community, it is stated by those in a position to know that no one interested in the institution will lose anything, as the assets of the corporation are believed to be sufficient to meet all demands. The applicants for the appointment of receivers give business reasons why the company should not continue business under present conditions.

The application for the appointment of receivers was presented to Judge L. C. Barley, of the Corporation Court, this morning, and he subsequently appointed Messrs. John S. Barbour, of Fairfax, and J. K. M. Norton, of this city, to take charge of the affairs of the corporation. They gave bond in the sum of \$50,000.

The receivers this morning entered upon the discharge of their duties. The complainants—Thomas J. Fannon, Henry K. Field, George S. French, J. P. Robinson and Henry Bader directors and stockholders,—set forth that the assets of the company are sufficient at present to meet all claims that may be made, but that in consequence of the continued indisposition of Mr. C. J. Rixey, president of the corporation, they do not feel themselves warranted in assuming the responsibilities incident to continuing the operations of the company, as certain demands are liable to be made upon the institution which might result in liabilities, the responsibility of which they do not desire to assume.

The fourth paragraph of the bill of complainants reads as follows: "Complainants further state that while there are ample assets, they believe, to meet all the obligations of the defendant, as above set forth, yet, as there will be calls, in the near future, for large sums of money, they doubt their ability to arrange for the same, deprived as they are, by illness, of the assistance of their president; nor can they see any hope of successfully conducting the business of the defendant, in the future."

The eighth section of the bill sets forth "That in order to secure all depositors and other creditors against any possible loss in any event, C. J. Rixey, the president of the defendant has conveyed to it large properties, mostly valuable real estates, of an estimated value of \$200,000.

This action will, of course, close the different branches of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation at Dillwyn, Culpeper, Herndon, Gordonsville, Basic City, Lovingsburg, Remington and Charlottesville.

As is stated above, the closing of this institution will cause no loss to any one having business with it, nor is it thought that it will have any effect upon the commercial interests of the community.

The directors and officers of the Virginia Safe Deposit & Trust Corporation are as follows: Directors J. C. Rixey, J. P. Robinson, G. S. French, H. Bader, C. C. Leadbeater, H. K. Field and T. J. Fannon. Officers: J. C. Rixey, president; J. P. Robinson and H. K. Field, vice presidents, and C. C. Leadbeater, secretary—all among the best and most responsible men in the community.

The last statement of the financial condition of the corporation was issued on November 10, which showed assets and liabilities of \$321,592.58. The individual deposits at that time were \$302,535.27; due to national, state, private banks and trust corporations, \$30,708.16; bills payable, \$14,224.90; demand certificates of deposit, \$49,984.16.

The reports on the street are to the effect that there was not a large sum of local money on deposit and that the loss will be entirely borne by the stockholders.

It is also reported that the first examination made recently under the new state law brought out the true condition of the affairs of the corporation. The directors seeing this, yesterday decided to close the affairs of the corporation.

No statement as to the direct cause of failure has been given out, nor is it yet known to the directors and receivers.

The bonding department of the corporation will also be wound up. This is considered a valuable asset and the affairs will probably be disposed of to another company in that line of business.

The receivers say that the present intention is to close up the affairs of the corporation and all its branches. The failure, it is stated positively among those who know, will not in the slightest degree affect any of the other banks of the city.

Mr. Rixey is said to be seriously ill at his residence in Washington.

The receivers at noon today issued the following statement: VIRGINIA SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST CORPORATION.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29, 1910.

STATEMENT OF RECEIVERS. The directors finding that they would be unable to meet certain large withdrawals of deposits, of which they had been notified in advance without having appeared to be unwarranted sacrifices of the securities of the bank and in order to serve what appeared to be the best interest of all depositors and creditors and to keep them on an equal footing, last night applied for the appointment of receivers. The court appointed Judge J. M. Norton and John S. Barbour as receivers.

They have executed the bond required by the court and are now in charge of all the property of the company.

The receivers have not yet been able to make such an examination of the affairs of the company as will justify them in stating definitely its condition. As soon as this information can be ascertained it will be furnished to those

interested. In addition to the other assets of the company its president, Mr. C. J. Rixey, several days ago conveyed directly to it a large quantity of very valuable property, real and personal, believed to be worth about \$200,000 as a special security for all depositors and creditors, and it is the expectation of the directors and receivers that the assets will prove more than sufficient to pay all depositors and creditors.

This step was made necessary at this time by the continued illness of Mr. C. J. Rixey and his inability to give the bank his personal attention.

JOHN S. BARBOUR, J. K. M. NORTON, Receivers.

It is understood that no other statement will be issued till an expert accountant makes an examination into the affairs of the corporation.

The announcement of the suspension of the corporation by placard upon the door this morning among other things stated that the directors finding that they would be unable to meet certain large withdrawals of deposits, of which they had been notified in advance, without what appeared to be unwarranted sacrifices of the securities of the bank, and in order to serve what appeared to be the best interests of all depositors and creditors and to keep them on an equal footing, last night applied for the appointment of receivers. *** The receivers have not yet been able to make an examination of the affairs of the company as will justify them in stating definitely its condition. As soon as this information can be ascertained it will be furnished to those interested.

The last statement of the financial condition of the corporation on November 10 was published in the Gazette on November 26th and was as follows:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$615,624.35
Overdrafts secured, \$5,019.04	
Unsecured, \$1,421.51	5,043.55
Bills, securities, etc., owned	
Including premium on same	42,285.63
Banking house	31,677.79
Furniture and fixtures	12,749.24
Exchange and checks for next day's clearing	1,850.12
Other cash items	1,031.65
Due from National Banks	29,382.05
Due from state banks, private bankers and trust companies	27,347.19
Paper currency	27,957.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	172.84
Gold coin	85.00
Silver coin	148.25
All other items of resources, viz. trust securities	22,000.00
Total	\$821,592.58

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$300,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	2,109.39
Dividends unpaid	78.00
Individual deposits, subject to check, deposits of depositors	302,535.27
Certified checks	49,984.16
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,283.15
Due to National Banks	21,530.26
Due to state banks, private bankers and trust companies	30,708.16
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit representing money borrowed	14,224.90
All other items of liability, viz. Trust funds	22,000.00
Total	\$821,592.58

PERSONAL.

Mr. Outcalt and family have returned from Baltimore where they spent the past week, and will make their home for the winter at Mrs. Monroe's, on Cameron street.

The gun factory at the Washington navy yard will be provided for at the present session of Congress, according to assurances received by officials of the Navy Department from members of the House naval affairs committee.

Mr. George Washington Lewis, of Clark county, is at Frankford for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry D. Fry, of Washington, have sent out invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Campbell, and Mr. Andrew Bradley Duval, Wednesday evening, January 11, at the church of the Epiphany. The Rev. Randolph H. McKim, the pastor, will officiate. Miss Fry will have as maid of honor her sister, Miss Edith Fry, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Ruth Campbell, Miss Gertrude Lutz, Miss Marie Smith and Miss Marjorie Duval. Mr. Douglas B. Stewart, of New York, will be the best man.

Judge Edmund Waddell, jr., of the U. S. Court, who was recently operated upon, has rapidly recovered, and is expected to be in condition to be present at Alexandria when the January term of the court opens next week. (Richmond Times-Dispatch.)

City Sergeant R. H. Cox, who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks with grip, is able to be out again.

WILL PROBATED.

The will of the late Charles King was admitted to probate in the Corporation Court today. Messrs. Frank T. and Marshall L. King, sons of the deceased, are appointed executors. The testator leaves all household and kitchen furniture, wearing apparel, jewelry, pictures, silver and plated ware and all other personal property in the residence, 212 South St. Asaph street, to his wife, Mrs. Laura V. King; also the residence during her natural life; also an annuity of \$1,800. The testator provides also for an annuity to his daughter, Miss Laura V. King. The sons of the testator are to receive each 200 shares of stock in the Charles King & Son Company, and Charles W. King, his grandson, is given 110 shares in the same company. The remaining 400 shares in the company are to be held in trust by the executors for fifteen years, at the end of which time they are to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among the children of the testator. Upon the death of his widow certain real estate in this city belonging to the testator will be turned over to his children. The estate is left in trust to the executors for fifteen years after the death of the testator, when the proceeds will be equally divided among his children. The executors gave bond in the sum of \$150,000.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia, it can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures cough, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by W. F. Crighton and Richard Gibson.

After flying two hours and a half to day from Etampes, France, in an attempt to win the Michelin prize for distance, Henri Harmen was forced to alight owing to the fact that rain falling on the planes of his machine turned to ice and the craft became overweighted.

RUBBER SHOES FOR EVERYBODY. Lowest prices. J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

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\$1.00 Black and White Shepherd Checks, 44 in. 75c	\$2.25 Self-striped Broadcloth: black only, 52 in. \$1.55
\$2.00 Green Broadcloth, 50 inch wide, yard \$1.59	\$3.00 Kerseys: black and navy: 54 in. wide, yard \$2.29
\$1.00 All-wool Fancy Crepes, 44 in. wide, yard 79c	\$4.00 Imported Satin Venetian: black only, 50 in. \$2.65
\$1.79 French Venetian, black only: 50 in. wide, yard \$1.29	First floor—Dress Goods Arcade.

10 Per Cent Discount

On all FANCY CHINA prior to stock taking January 1, 1911.

I have a line of Aluminum Ware, prices as low as the lowest.

Haviland, American and Austrian Dinner Sets and open stock.

Will keep full line Housefurnishings, Glassware all kinds. I desire to thank my friends and patrons for the liberal patronage during the holidays and wish them all a very prosperous and happy New Year.

OSCAR F. CARTER, 505 KING STREET

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Today has been mild but damp, the mercury registering 59 degrees at noon.

A marriage licence was issued in Washington today to John C. Diamond and Theresa O. Johnson, both of this city.

An elderly colored woman named Gibson, was so seriously burned while gathering coal the dump yesterday that she died today.

An exciting contest was played last night at the Opera House bowling alley, the Roscub's beating the DeSilva's by a score of 2580 to 2562. Roland and Harry Groves were high men of the Roscub's and DeSilva's respectively. They have challenged for a return game Friday night which promises to be exciting.

J. M. Pettit, jr., 725 King street, is offering twenty-five fancy dry-picked Turkeys for New Year trade. Bell phone 290.

"The New Year is coming!" How about turning over a new leaf? If you use still eating cheap ordinary food, why not change around for the New Year? Those irresistibly delicious Aunt Sarah's and Puddings are incomparable. Positively they're the only kind worth eating. In fact everything that you buy at Blomfield's Aunt Sarah or Aunt Mary's is a class entirely by itself. Particular people invariably go to Blomfield's for their groceries.

LARGE GESE AT 20c POUND. London county Roll Buttery, 308 1/2th guaranteed, 25c per pound, 3 packages Family Seeded Raisins, 25c; 2 lbs best Mixed Nuts, 25c; 3 lb Choice Evaporated Peaches, 25c; Lemon Peel, 15c; Orange Peel, 15c; California Seeded Raisins, 7c; 1 lb cans best Tomatoes, 25c. W. P. WOOLLS & Son.

Maurice Tabuteau and Maurice Farman, flying under the most adverse weather conditions, set out today from Rue, France, to win the Michelin prize for sustained flight. At noon, Farman had covered 219 miles. His bi-plane was coated with ice as the drizzling rain froze almost the moment it fell upon the machine.

Ladies! Combine style with solid comfort. Wear the RED CROSS SHOE, to be had only at our store. J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

Release Expected.

New York, Dec. 29.—It is expected that the immigration authorities will late today order the release of Jeanette Cook, held at Ellis Island, on complaint of her aunt, Mrs. Coop. The latter is the wife of Prof. Squire Coop, head of the department of music of the University of Utah and known throughout the west as a composer of merit.

Mrs. Coop alleged to the immigration authorities that her husband was in love with her niece and was responsible for her coming to this country. Prof. Coop characterized this statement as false to the authorities today and said that his only interest in the girl was in seeing that she was properly cared for. He says that three years ago his wife asked him to see that Miss Cook was properly protected and that he had done so ever since.

It was stated at Ellis Island, where the girl is held, that she will be released tonight unless Mrs. Coop produces substantial evidence to back up her allegations.

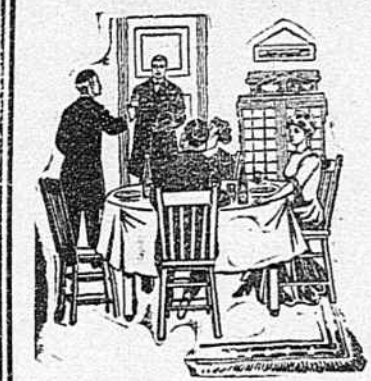
Conditions in Ireland. London, Dec. 29.—Many Irishmen have been sent to penal servitude for life for doing nothing worse than the Orangemen are now boasting of now.

This declaration in the London Leader by Harold Spender, the best informed publicist in the Liberal ranks, shows how seriously the Liberal leaders take the threat of an Ulster uprising in the event that parliament eventually grants Ireland home rule.

"I do not suggest that the terrible punishments which the Orangemen joyfully saw meted out to their opponents in jail should not be meted out to them," Spender says. "But I do not suggest that when people, defeated at the polls begin to advertise in German newspapers and to receive subsidies from the forces of the crown, the government would be wise to keep a careful eye on their activities."

Philip Hurley, one of the four fire marshals of the Cincinnati Fire Department, died early today as the result of injuries received in the \$2,000,000 shoe factory fire last week. This makes the death list from the fire four.

Shortly after noon today at Trenton, N. J., William H. Turner, deputy in charge of wing No. 6 of the New Jersey State Prison, was seriously stabbed by Dominic Mangano, a convict who is serving a life sentence for murder.



During the Holidays

Anything that will contribute toward the comfort, the pleasure and the benefit of the household and its guests should not be overlooked, and there is nothing that adds more to the general joy of the season than

HOFBRAU BEER

For the New Year's feast and during the long winter evenings it will be appreciated. It is every occasion and adds cheer and zest to it.

If you have never used Hofbrau Beer, order a trial case. No ice is needed for it now. Put it in a cool place and it will be at just the right temperature when you want to use it.

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Phone No. 49-B



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THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, Alexandria, Va.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 10th at twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

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FOR SALE.

A GROCERY STORE, doing a fine business. Cause of selling ill health. Apply "M." Gazette office.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—Change of Store Hours. Open daily 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Saturday 9 p. m.

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